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SUBJECT: TOASTS AT NATO SUMMIT

REF: (A) USNATO 5238; (B) USNATO 5272

1. WE ARE FULLY SYMPATHETIC TO THE TURKISH DESIRE FOR
FOREKNOWLEDGE OF ANY PRESIDENTIAL TOASTS DURING THE NATO
SUMMIT TO WHICH THEIR PRIME MINISTER MIGHT HAVE TO RESPOND.

2. WE HAVE PREPARED DRAFT TOASTS FOR BOTH PRESIDENTIAL
LUNCHEONS, THE WHITE HOUSE DINNER, AND THE SECRETARY'S
LUNCHEON ON MAY 30. THE WHITE HOUSE HAS INFORMED US
THAT IT IS THE PRESIDENT'S CUSTOM TO DELIVER TOASTS
EXTEMPORANEOUSLY OR FROM VERY SHORT NOTES. IT IS
THEREFORE DIFFICULT TO OBTAIN IN ADVANCE ANYTHING
APPROACHING A TEXT.

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3. THE WHITE HOUSE UNDERSTANDS THE TURKISH CONCERN,
HOWEVER, AND WILL ATTEMPT TO OBTAIN AN ADVANCE TEXT
FOR THEM IF REPEAT IF ONE IS PREPARED. THE WHITE HOUSE
ADDED THAT ANY PRESIDENTIAL TOAST AT THE MAY 30 WHITE
HOUSE LUNCH WOULD BE SHORT AND INFORMAL, AND THAT THE

PRESIDENT MIGHT NOT BELIEVE IT NECESSARY TO DELIVER A

TOAST AT THE LARGE LUNCHEON ON MAY 31.

4. YOU MIGHT INFORM THE TURKS THAT THE WHITE HOUSE BELIEVES THE PRESIDENT'S TOAST AT THE MAY 30 WHITE HOUSE DINNER WILL BE GENERAL IN CHARACTER AND WILL STRESS THE HISTORIC NATURE OF THIS SUMMIT WHICH MARKS A YEAR OF HARD WORK AND SOLID ACCOMPLISHMENTS; THE HONOR OF HOSTING SUCH A DISTINGUISHED GATHERING; THE COMMON INTERESTS AND ANCESTRY THAT BIND NORTH AMERICANS AND EUROPEANS; THE UNWAVERING US COMMITMENT TO THE ALLIANCE AS THE BEST GUARANTOR OF PEACE; THE STRENGTH THAT COMES FROM SHARED VALUES AND A STRONG BELIEF IN DEMOCRACY AND THE DIGNITY OF THE INDIVIDUAL; AND THE NECESSITY TO PURSUE DETENTE AND DEFENSE IN A FIRM, REALISTIC MANNER. THE FOREGOING THEMES ARE ILLUSTRATIVE AND SOME OF THEM MAY NOT APPEAR IN THE TOAST AS DELIVERED.

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